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Cops consider hit-man theory in killing

▶ Video before the shooting

Police said the man that brazenly shot Brandon Woodard in a tourist-heavy Columbus Circle area in the middle of the day Monday might have been a hit man.

Woodard was killed Monday afternoon in a single shot to his head.

He was visiting from Los Angeles, and police on both sides of the country are trying to piece together his final days and hours to explain the killing. Woodard reportedly was a law school student.

According to CBS, police said that the killer showed a calm that indicated he might have been a hit man, calmly shooting Woodard then turning to get in the car.

Police reported finding the getaway car Wednesday in Queens.

Woodard was looking at his phone at the time of his murder.

He reportedly may have been responding to a text message that could have lured him there. METRO/AB

In the news

$12K reward to find mom's murderer

Police are offering a $12,000 reward for the murder of a mother who was shot and killed outside a hospital. On Tuesday around 3 a.m., Shalema Gaskin, 32, was standing outside the rear side of Brookdale Hospital when she was shot in the neck. She was brought into the hospital but pronounced dead. Police announced Thursday a $12,000 reward. METRO/AB

In the news

Bodega robbed

Cops are looking for two men wanted in a Brooklyn robbery. According to police, on Dec. 8 around 9:30 p.m., two suspects, one with a gun and one with a knife, walked into a bodega on Marcus Garvey Boulevard and demanded money. They fled with cash and tobacco products, cops said. Both suspects are male, black and about 5-foot-8. METRO/AB

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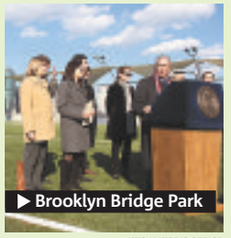
▶ Brooklyn Bridge Park

NYC MAYOR'S OFFICE

Another BK Bridge pier launches

BROOKLYN BRIDGE PARK. Mayor Michael Bloomberg opened Brooklyn Bridge Park's Pier 5 Thursday. The area is a $26-million, 5-acre former shipping pier that will now host three sports fields and a peninsula that will be for picnicking. The nearby Squibb Park Bridge will also be a footbridge to connect to Brooklyn Heights. METRO/AB

Two ACS workers arrested

NEW YORK. Two city employees were arrested for falsifying information while working for the City's Administration for Children's Services, the Department of Investigation announced yesterday. According to the DOI, Lola Whidbee, 46, and Rosana Caceda, 42, both Bronx residents, entered false information into a database that tracks child abuse and neglect cases. Whidbee allegedly said she spoke on the phone to someone regarding an ACS case but did not, and Caceda allegedly said she visited a child's home and spoke to his mother, who investigators said was actually in jail at the time. METRO/AB

TLC promises 'appy days,' approves cab-hailing apps

▶ Taxi-hailing apps approved for pilot program ▶ Tap your finger to get a cab starting sometime after February ▶ But not everyone supports plan

'Appy' days are coming to city cabs, according to the Taxi and Limousine Commission.

TLC spokesman Allan Fromberg said Thursday that 'appy days' are ahead for city passengers after the Commission approved city hailing apps.

Hail apps will be available sometime after Feb. 15 and can be used for hails within a half mile south of 59th Street in Manhattan and within one and a half miles elsewhere, Fromberg said.

"This is an exciting day for taxi riders," Commissioner David Yassky said. "New York City is known for embracing innovation, and we've certainly done that today."

As originally written, TLC regulations did not allow hailing a cab by phone, as in other cities like London, so the vote concerned whether to reconfigure the regulations.

App companies like Uber, GetTaxi and Taxi Magic want to allow New Yorkers to hail with the tap of a finger.

Uber launched here this fall, but then shut down in October after pointing to rules that prohibited the prearranged hails.

Earlier this year, TLC collected proposals from app companies — including those for rating taxis and paying by phone.

Washington Heights Councilman Ydanis Rodriguez said he asked Yassky to reject the proposal.

He worried that it would harm livery drivers, who are now the only ones allowed to make prearranged pickups.

"With the inception of the 'e-hail' app, yellow cabs would be given the right to pick up customers through a prearranged service, taking consumers that would otherwise use livery service," Rodriguez said.

Also, he warned that the app would "dilute the number of yellow cabs available for street hails."

The city's contract with a credit card payment processor ends in February, and officials had said no changes will take place before then.

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▶ Taxis will soon receive e-hails.

What will happen during the pilot?

The new app will be under a pilot program. It will go into effect sometime after Feb. 15, 2013, according to the TLC, which also promised guidelines to make sure passengers would not be overcharged and that all drivers using apps would be properly licensed. The program will continue for one year, and it will be evaluated quarterly. If successful, the TLC will consider expanding it permanently.

Helping or hurting?

Some cabbies are in support of the apps, saying that they would help add hails and income. So is Yassky, who wrote in Wednesday's Daily News that "regulations shouldn't stand in the way" of connecting to taxis by phone. "When new technology comes along, we should embrace it," he wrote. But others questioned how they would work, exactly, and whether drivers would rack up tickets while waiting for a fare to meet them at the agreed spot. Cabbie John McDonagh spoke at the last hearing in favor of the apps, and told Metro, "If this is approved, it will change the industry — just as the credit card machine did." METRO/AB

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Nightmare before Christmas: Kennedy workers vote to strike

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▶ JFK workers approved a strike.

Hundreds of employees at John F. Kennedy International Airport voted Thursday to approve a strike that could snarl the flow of holiday travel.

Workers plan to walk out of the job on Dec. 20 in a one-day strike, spokesman for Service Employees International Union Michael Allen told Metro, unless they can reach an agreement with their companies.

The workers are employed by Air Serve. Another 100 employees of Global Elite Group are expected to vote in favor of a strike Friday. Their responsibilities range from inspecting planes for weapons or explosives to securing gates.

They're calling for higher wages — some are making $8 an hour without benefits — better equipment and more job training. Workers claim low wages keep them in constant poverty and that the high rate of turnover threatens the safety of those flying.

"The security of the traveling public is very important to me," said Shah Rahman, an Air Serv security officer.

They're also considering unionizing, after what they call intimidation on the part of their employers to prevent employees from organizing.

"As our policies make clear, we value employees' input on matters of concern to them," Air Serv Corporation said in a statement. "Accordingly, we will be speaking with employees on these matters in the days and weeks to come."

The workers have filed several complaints with the Transportation Security Administration about lack of training and poorly functioning equipment. "The investigation did not reveal any regulatory violations," a TSA spokesperson said in a statement. "We will continue to monitor the compliance of the companies."

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Wreath. Show

▶ See wreaths like this one at the Arsenal Gallery.

MATERIALS FOR THE ARTS

Artists create dozens of wreaths

CENTRAL PARK. The 30th anniversary of the Parks Department's Wreath Interpretations, a holiday show at the Arsenal Gallery on the east side of Central Park, began Thursday. The show features 42 wreaths that include materials ranging from egg shells, cleaning supplies and bicycle tubes to containers from Chinese food. The exhibit will be on display through Jan. 10. METRO

In the news

MTA seeks $5 billion

NEW YORK. The MTA fired its Washington lobbyists six months before Hurricane Sandy inflicted the most damage in the 108-year history of the subway system. Now the agency is trying to get at least $5 billion in federal aid without them. The MTA jettisoned its four lobbying firms in March and April, according to federal disclosure reports. The terminations were "all about cost cutting," Chairman Joseph Lhota said in an e-mail message, part of a drive to cut administrative spending. The state authority is already underfunded compared with other mass-transit providers, and the firings may exacerbate that, board member Andrew Albert said. Federal aid for MTA capital projects fell to $6.3 billion in the 2010-2014 capital budget from $9.1 billion in the previous five-year plan, according to the agency's annual financial report. **BLOOMBERG**

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GOP losing fiscal cliff argument, polls show

Negotiations continued on Thursday on the "fiscal cliff," with Republicans at a growing public-opinion disadvantage and approval ratings for President Barack Obama rising to levels not seen since the killing of Osama bin Laden.

Senior Democratic Sen. Kent Conrad of North Dakota said on MSNBC that he thought Obama and House of Representatives Speaker John Boehner were edging closer to a deal.

He added that he hoped something will be announced next week to avert the steep tax hikes and budget cuts set for the start of 2013.

"I believe that they will have a framework agreement," Conrad said. "I believe they'll have it early next week. And I believe it will secure the votes in both the Senate and the House. We may miss some on the wings, but I think the center will hold."

Republican Rep. Kevin Brady of Texas, in a Fox Business News interview Wednesday evening, disagreed with Conrad's assessment.

"I started pretty optimistic about this that we could get this done well before the holidays, but I don't feel that way anymore," Brady said.

"It seems to me a decision's been made, perhaps by the White House, already to take us off this fiscal cliff."

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▶ John Boehner holds his weekly news briefing yesterday at the Capitol Visitors Center in Washington, D.C.

61%

Of Republicans say they would accept tax increases on high earners

Conservative Republican Sen. Jim DeMint of South Carolina said the economy is already damaged by the uncertainty caused by the deadlock.

"We can't fix it Christmas Eve and expect it all to bounce back in January," he said Thursday on CBS.

Polling shows strong support for Obama's position. According to a Wall Street Journal/NBC survey, three-quarters of Americans say they would accept raising taxes on the wealthy to avoid the cliff. **REUTERS**

Polls support Obama's plan

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News in brief

McAfee 'victim' kin say he should be questioned

ORLANDO, FLA. The family of an American murdered in Belize expressed shock and frustration that U.S. software pioneer John McAfee, who has been named a person of interest in the killing, can stay freely in Miami Beach while the Belize authorities want to question him.

"I'm shocked by this. ... He's running around footloose and fancy free in Miami. How in the world can that be?" William Keeney, the stepfather of murder victim Gregory Faull, said to Reuters on Thursday.

McAfee, 67, went into hiding after Faull was shot in November in Belize. He made his way secretly to Guatemala, but the authorities there deported him on Wednesday night to the United States.

Police in Belize want to question McAfee as a "person of interest" in Faull's killing, but authorities there say he is not a prime suspect. **REUTERS**

Asteroid in near miss with Earth

PHOENIX. A large asteroid that flies in nearly the same orbit as Earth will make a close pass by the planet, but there's no chance of an impact — at least for hundreds of years, astronomers said.

The asteroid, named Toutatis, flies by Earth every four years. During its closest approach, the celestial rock will pass about 4.3 million miles (7 million km) from Earth, which is about 18 times farther away than the moon.

"There is no danger of a collision with Earth," NASA astronomer Lance Benner said in a statement.

The 0.6-mile-long asteroid circles the sun in an orbit that is very closely aligned with Earth's, making it a potentially hazardous object for the future.

The asteroid was first spotted in 1934, and its orbit was confirmed in 1989.

In 2004, Toutatis passed by Earth just four times farther away than the moon, much closer than this week's encounter. **REUTERS**

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Opinion

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YES, VIRGINIA, THERE IS A NORTH KOREA

When it comes to jolly round fellows who send gifts flying through the December night, Santa has nothing on Kim Jong-un. The young leader of North Korea must be feeling awfully nice, although he certainly made the naughty list this week. I can just imagine his meeting with St. Nick. "So, what would like you for Christmas, Mr. Supreme Leader?" "How about a multi-stage, liquid-fueled rocket capable of carrying a nuclear ... um, I mean a satellite ... to the other side of the globe?"

The successful launch of that Unha 3 rocket is arguably the greatest technological feat the world has ever seen from Kim's secretive nation. Although those of us who live in highly advanced countries may think satellite launches are about as exciting as reruns of Frosty the Snowman, pulling one off is still a trick. Think about it: North Korea, after many failures, finally managed to send this rocket screaming into the sky, shedding stages with split-second timing, cracking out of the atmosphere, and launching a small satellite. Its top speed was probably about 17,000 miles an hour, and it possibly could have reached California if it had been pointed that way. Mind you, Kim still doesn't have a clue about how to feed his people, but his team seems to be getting the hang of this rocket science business. And when you combine that expertise with their nuclear weapons program, you've got the makings of an awful Christmas surprise.

There are still many hurdles before they could actually lob a nuke at the United States. They'd have to make a warhead small enough to ride on such a rocket. They'd have to develop reentry technology to keep it from burning up, and they'd have to come up with some way to control the targeting from very far away. But this week, Kim made it clear that his country is getting a lot closer to all of that, and he gave the world a gift that sadly could keep giving for many years.

*– CNN's **Tom Foreman** is a regular on "AC360°"/ www.ac360.com and "The Situation Room.*

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DEFENDING 'THE HOBBIT'

Peter Jackson's new trilogy of Tolkien films was in the news long before its Friday release The cast and crew reflect on the controversies surrounding the movies

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For years, film industry insiders have been following the making of "The Hobbit" with as much enthusiasm as fans of the original J.R.R. Tolkien novel about Middle Earth. As the prequel to the immensely successful "The Lord of the Rings" films, production of "The Hobbit" was mired for years in studio budgeting issues and a change of directors to helm the films. Add to that director Peter Jackson's decision to split the story into three films and to use the new technology of filming at a higher frame rate (double the standard 24 frames per second), and you've got a story that goes far beyond the tale of Bilbo Baggins and his voyage to The Lonely Mountain. As the cast and crew came together to promote the first of the new series, "The Hobbit: An Unexpected Journey," they addressed the choices that went into the making of a new franchise.

Quoted

"To me, fantasy should be as real as possible. I don't buy into the notion that if it's fantastical, it should be unrealistic. You have to have a sense of believing the world you're going into. The levels of detail in that are very important."
JACKSON

Peter Jackson on his reluctance to direct 'The Hobbit' after Guillermo Del Toro left the project:

"I thought that I wouldn't enjoy it, is the truth," says Jackson, who directed the film adaptations of Tolkien's "Lord of the Rings." "I thought I'd be competing against myself to some degree. I thought it would be interesting to have another director. Guillermo Del Toro was involved for a while. But after Guillermo left, because of the delays we were facing, it was still another six months or so before we got the green light. During that period of time, I just thought, well, I am actually enjoying this a lot more. ... I'd come to realize that there's a lot of charm, a lot of humor in 'The Hobbit' that 'The Lord of the Rings' didn't have. ... I thought, you know what? This is not 'Lord of the Rings.' I'm not going to try to make another film exactly like that. This gives me the opportunity to do something different."

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▶ Peter Jackson gives direction on the set of elf village Rivendell.

Stars Andy Serkis and Sir Ian McKellen defend Jackson's decision to split 'The Hobbit' into three films:

"Anyone who thinks Peter Jackson would fall for market forces rather than artistic imperative doesn't know the guy and hasn't really examined the body of his work," says McKellen, who reprises his role as Gandalf from "The Lord of the Rings" series.

"It definitely warrants three films," Andy Serkis asserts about the slim children's novel. In addition to returning to the role of Gollum, Serkis is the director of the second unit for all three films. "These films are underlaid and textured with incredible detail. The dwarf characters in Tolkien's book are very thinly sketched. ... Every single dwarf, [in the films] you will get to know throughout the course of this journey… Condensing it into two films seems almost impossible now."

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▶ Sir Ian McKellen, as the wizard Gandalf, considers his weapon.

"These films are underlaid and textured with incredible detail."
SERKIS

Peter Jackson discusses using the high frame rate technology, which is a manner of shooting at double the speed of regular film and is said to make 3-D technology easier on the eyes:

"It's the 48 [frames per second] that actually allows 3-D to reach the potential that it can achieve, because it's less eye strain and you have a sharper picture — which creates more of a three-dimensional world," Jackson says. "The thing to realize about it though is that it's not an attempt to change the film industry. It's another choice. The projectors that run at 48 frames can run at 24 frames. It doesn't have to be one thing or the other. ... For me, it gives that sense of reality, or immersiveness, that I love. It makes you feel like you are leaving the cinema seat and actually becoming part of the experience of the adventure of the film."

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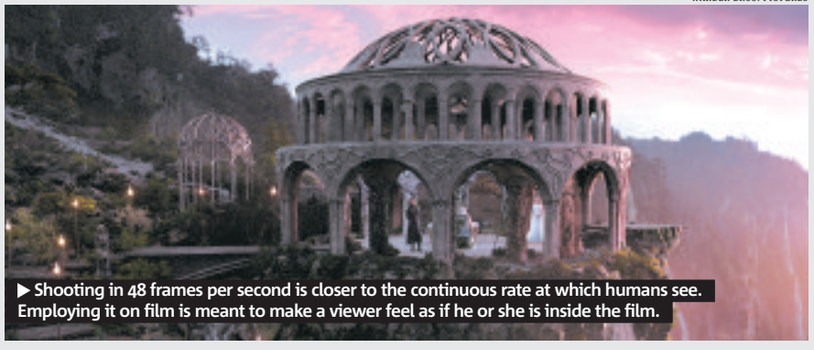

▶ Shooting in 48 frames per second is closer to the continuous rate at which humans see. Employing it on film is meant to make a viewer feel as if he or she is inside the film.

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Venerated innovator of the motion capture performance Andy Serkis returns to the character that made him world famous for 'The Hobbit'

Gollum's return

A hobbit hole is no place for actor Andy Serkis.

GETTY IMAGES

It hardly sounds favorable to say that Andy Serkis looks like the character he's known best for inhabiting — Gollum is one homely ex-hobbit — but the piercing blue eyes that both possess do have a habit of captivating those on whom they're set. Take us for example, sitting down with Serkis to discuss his reentry into J.R.R. Tolkien's universe with Peter Jackson's new trilogy, "The Hobbit." The ever-charming British actor spoke to us about limbering up for motion-capture acting and the tedium of being Hollywood's go-to man for animated roles.

After playing this physically demanding role for a six films, you must have some sort of Gollum calisthenics routine.

I have to stretch out every day now, because a lot of the roles I have played in recent times have been physical. … My back took a hit when I did Gollum the first time around.

Well you have a lot more to go, playing the ape Caesar in the "Planet of the Apes" sequel.

That's absolutely right, because the most exhausting part of that role was playing him as a young chimp. That was pretty tortuous. That was hard work. He had the fast energy, but [he is] low and crouched and then spinning around. I was pretty exhausted doing that.

In "The Hobbit," Gollum has a scene with Bilbo Baggins that is said to be the most iconic of anything Tolkien wrote. Had you rehearsed this in your mind, even before you started shooting the first "Lord of the Rings" film?

> **"I'd rather it be that they understood what it is, and then it wouldn't be so much of a big deal."**
> SERKIS, ON MOTION-CAPTURE ACTING

Absolutely, because it's the source, obviously, of losing the ring — and from then on it becomes Gollum's revenge. The desire to kill Baggins and get back the [ring] is what drives the entire "Rings" trilogy, so this is the source of it and it's that which makes it, because obviously it was back-engineered. "The Lord of the Rings" was written after "The Hobbit," so the subsequent publications of "The Hobbit" have more about the ring, which Tolkien went back and wrote. The effect of the ring on Bilbo and his constant memories of it are what Tolkien went back and wrote in, because he realized how obviously the ring was going to be very important.

After playing Gollum, King Kong, Caesar and Captain Haddock (in "The Adventures of Tintin"), your name has become synonymous with this motion-capture technology. Are you happy being known firstly as a motion-capture actor?

I suppose by definition I'd rather it be that they understood what it is, and then it wouldn't be so much of a big deal. It's a double-edged sword, because it's nice to have been a part of a pioneering technology and to align acting with that and to actually say to the acting community this technology offers you unlimited possibilities in terms of what you play — you're not limited by sex, by size, by anything, apart from your acting. … I suppose I've been given the task of explaining what it is, so I've become a kind of spokesperson for it, unwittingly.

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Q&A

Are you more comfortable doing motion-capture roles, as opposed to showing your face on camera?

No, no. In terms of acting it's the same thing. There's no difference. It's technology. That's the thing; performance capture is a technology, which is another way of recording an actor's performance. … That's the thing that people find hard to understand — that's it a type of acting. To play Gollum is no different to playing Ian Dury or to play King Kong is no different to playing Ian Dury. It's all about characterization and embodying that role and finding a physicality and physical vocabulary, a mental understanding, building the emotional arc of the character and just getting into the role — and that's the same whether you're wearing a costume and makeup and a caliper on one leg or crawling around as Gollum.

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'Any Day Now'

This drama, set in the '70s, follows a true story of a gay couple who take in a mentally handicapped teenager when he is abandoned by his mother. They are then involved in a legal battle as they fight for custody of the boy after they begin to love him as if he were their own.

'Save the Date'

This romantic comedy starring Lizzy Caplan draws on the aspects of many modern-day relationships. Caplan plays Sarah, a woman who refuses her boyfriend's marriage proposal only to be involved in a rebound romance soon after. She is forced to face her fears as she decides whether to stay single or get committed. METRO

Kicking 'The Hobbit'

Three three-hour movies is a bit much for an adaptation of a simple children's story Jackson's new filming technology is beautiful, but it also takes away the movie magic

Peter Jackson applies the same level of grandeur and heft to his adaptation of J.R.R. Tolkein's "The Hobbit" that he did to his previous triumph, the "Lord of the Rings" trilogy. The problem is the source material for the new film — shot in 3-D at a doubled speed of 48 frames per second — doesn't deserve such epic scope. But more on that in a moment.

First, the technical: Jackson bets the lot on 48 frames per second, and he loses. Before your eyes adjust to the higher frame rate, everything seems to be moving too fast. Once it's settled down, though, the footage often looks somewhere between a high-definition 1980s BBC miniseries and a video game, and it just feels utterly un-cinematic. The biggest crime, though, is that the sweeping shots of the gorgeous New Zealand landscape look fake.

As for the content of the film, "The Hobbit" has the same fine acting, cinematography and art direction of the "The Lord of the Rings" films — but much more of the bloat. This is the first of three films adapted from a single slim volume, and it's nearly three hours long. What should be a lighthearted children's story — a Hobbit (Martin Freeman) helping a band of dwarves outwit a dragon — is instead presented as if the entire fate of Middle Earth were at stake. And Jackson milks every opportunity to remind the viewer that this story precedes the "Rings" trilogy, even souring the movie's best scene — featuring a phenomenal appearance by Gollum (Andy Serkis) — with an overwrought, foreshadowing ending. It's a bad habit running through the film that grows tedious. Perhaps like George Lucas with the "Star Wars" prequels, Jackson's success with his first trilogy meant consequently that there was no one to tell him something might not be a good idea in the next. In any event, we've got nearly six more hours of "The Hobbit" left to find out.

If you go

'The Hobbit: An Unexpected Journey'
Director: Peter Jackson
Cast: Martin Freeman, Ian McKellen, Andy Serkis
Rating: PG-13
Grade: ❶❷❸❹❺

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▶ Bilbo Baggins (Martin Freeman) is the odd hobbit out while traveling with a band of dwarves in "The Hobbit: An Unexpected Journey."

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'Homeland'

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▶ Damian Lewis stars as Nick Brody on "Homeland."

'Winter in Portlandia'

COMEDY. Fred Armisen and Carrie Brownstein offer this half-hour holiday treat as a preview to Season 3 (premiering Jan. 4), which includes a sketch, of course, about how Portland residents deal with depressing Pacific Northwest winters. **Friday, 10:30 p.m., IFC**

'Royal Pains Off-Season Greetings'

COMEDY. Evan and Paige get married in the winter wonderland that is the Hamptons — or they try to, at least. **Sunday, 9 p.m., USA**

'VH1 Divas'

SPECIAL. Adam Lambert hosts this tribute to Whitney Houston and Donna Summer with the support of a few other divas — Jordin Sparks, Demi Lovato, Kelly Clarkson, Miley Cyrus and Ciara included. **Sunday, 9 p.m., VH1**

'Survivor'

REALITY. Malcolm Freberg, Michael Skupin, Denise Stapley and Lisa Whelchel — yes, Blair from "The Facts of Life" — face off in the live finale that names the competition's new millionaire. **Season finale, Sunday, 8 p.m., CBS** AMBER RAY

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Dream of being that crafty soul who shows up with homemade peanut brittle in adorable Mason jars? Well, now you can Lucy Baker makes it simple with her new book, 'Edible DIY,' full of delicious giftable ideas

Lucy Baker was tired of showing up to dinner parties with a typical bottle of wine. "That's what everyone does. I wanted to bring something different. I started making things like biscotti or homemade candy. A small token to say thank you," says the self-taught cook, whose new book, "Edible DIY," features 75 gift ideas ranging from margarita salt to flavored bourbons. And for those who haven't spent too much time in the kitchen, Baker assures us that her recipes are "dead simple." "The holidays are really stressful and everybody needs some ways to cut corners, so there's no shame in using store-bought caramels to melt down," she says.

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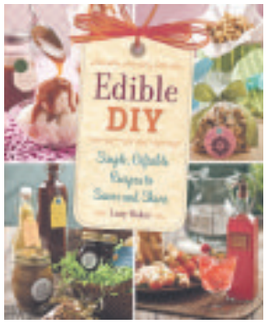
"A homemade gift is always appreciated because it's very personal and it shows that you really care." BAKER



Here, she lets us into her crafty world.

Why DIY gifts?
"A homemade gift is always appreciated because it's very personal and it shows that you really care, that you didn't go out and just buy something in five minutes. You invested a lot of thought into it. I also think that they end up being really affordable. Most of the recipes in my book will make multiple gifts."

Best ways to package gifts
"Old takeout containers can be great. You can dress them up with a strip of holiday paper, ribbon or some acorns, and that way you can recycle what you already have. Mason jars are another way to go. You can fill them with anything soft or even granola or mixed nuts or candy."

Popular this holiday season
"Any of the boozy recipes, like the apple cinnamon bourbon — bourbon is huge. If you want something basic, try the margarita salt. [It] takes five minutes to make and it's cheap."

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Holiday recipe

Lucy Baker's Gingersnap Balls

Makes about 30 balls

INGREDIENTS
About 45 store-bought gingersnap cookies, such as Nabisco
1½ cups walnuts
1 cup confectioners' sugar
½ teaspoon ground ginger
2 tablespoons maple syrup, honey or corn syrup
⅓ cup dark rum

DIRECTIONS
1 Working in batches, put the gingersnaps in the work bowl of a food processor and process until they are finely ground. You should have about 3 cups of crumbs. Transfer 2 cups to a large bowl. Reserve the remaining 1 cup of crumbs. Put the walnuts in the food processor and process until they are finely ground. Add them to the bowl with the 2 cups of gingersnap crumbs.

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Add the confectioners' sugar and ground ginger and stir until well combined. Stir in the maple syrup and rum. Transfer the mixture to the refrigerator and chill for 30 minutes.

2 Spread the remaining cup of gingersnap crumbs on a plate. Using a tablespoon, scoop out spoonfuls of the mixture and shape them into 1-inch balls. Roll the balls in the gingersnap crumbs. Transfer them to a wax paper-lined baking sheet and chill until they are set, about one hour. Store the balls in an airtight container in the refrigerator for up to two weeks.

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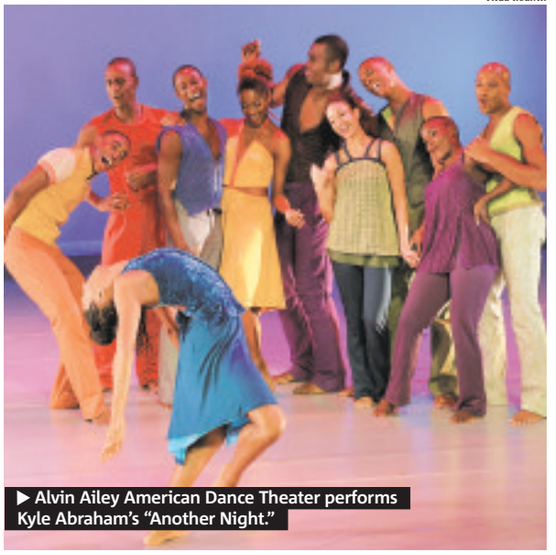

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A brief 1999 solo by artistic director Robert Battle, "Takademe," sets Kanji Segawa in rapid motion to Sheila Chandra's kathak-like rhythms, and enthralls the many children in the crowd. Performed by a Japanese man to South Asian music, it exemplifies the eclectic repertory Battle is developing for the troupe he took over last year.

New to the company is Jiri Kylian's "Petite Mort," handsome in standalone gowns and corset-like trunks that both confine the dancers' extraordinary bodies and lend an air of mischievous sexuality. Made in 1991 to celebrate the 200th anniversary of Mozart's death, it reveals the balletic side of the company's strength.

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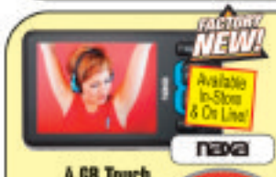

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LAUGHING ALL THE WAY TO BANKS

▶ Paul Banks says playing the villain is fun. He also says playing tennis is fun. He's actually been playing for most of his life.

Interpol singer's solo work lets him explore humorous side ◐ If only one of you gets the joke, that's fine with him ◐ Note: He has never sued anybody in real life

Paul Banks wants to let you in on something: That tennis photo is a joke.

"There's probably a lot of people that see this photo of me looking angry, playing tennis, and they think that I'm serious, or that it's actually me doing a shot where I think I look cool," says the Interpol singer, who is touring to promote his second album away from his band. "But I'm kind of a disciple of Andy Kaufman; I kind of like jokes that people don't get.

"That one-in-10 people gets the fact that something is wrapped up in humor, it's that much funnier to that person and that's the person that's on my wavelength," he says.

Banks' humor has historically gotten lost in the mix of a band whose music has thrived off a sense of cryptic disconnect and whose image has most often been projected with a cinematic sophistication. But he says when he is working with Interpol guitarist Daniel Kessler, there's a different vibe than with his solo material.

Quoted

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BANKS

"If Daniel presents this incredibly elegant piece of music that evokes certain sentiments and ideas in me, the thing I'm going to gravitate toward is not thinking some sportscaster is hot," he says. "Whereas, when I'm working on my own things I can just be carried by any idea that comes to mind."

Indeed. On his first non-Interpol album, 2009's "Julian Plenti is ... Skyscraper, " Banks did record a song called "Girl on the Sporting News." This latest album, simply entitled "Banks," features a few tracks that have similarly silly premises, but are presented in ways that casual listeners might take seriously. One track in particular sounds like an upbeat pop song, were it not for him singing, almost mechanically, "I'll Sue You."

"You might see that as somehow literal," he says. "But that's a song where I'm exploring the mind-set of someone that I'm totally not. ... That's very much like that thing that actors say about how playing the villain is fun."

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Interpreting Interpol?

While Banks is quick to confirm that Interpol is very much still a band, he is also quick to quell expectations that you might hear any Interpol songs during his set. "That's so far from being a possibility," he says. "That'd be really weird, man. Those aren't my songs. I'm [only] 25 percent creator and owner of those songs."

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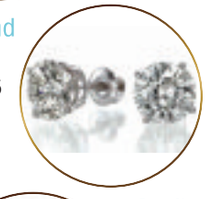

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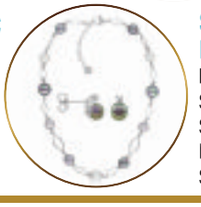

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Krakowski: One last fit before Christmas

Much to "30 Rock" fans' chagrin, **Jane Krakowski** is getting a little break for the holiday season now that the sitcom is currently filming its last-ever episode. "It's a very busy time right now between wrapping up '30 Rock' and being a relatively new mom, and we're having Christmas dinner at our house this year for the first time," she said at an event for Bank of America, which raised money for Feeding America. "Hopefully it'll be good; we wanted to sort of bring the joy of Christmas to our home, so our whole family is coming over. It should be a nice day and a nice way to sort of start a new chapter with '30 Rock' ending."

— With reporting by Meredith Engel

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▶ Krakowski is playing Christmas hostess this year.

"Yesterday we shot Jenna's last temper tantrum. It was fantastic. They told me to go as far as I wanted to go and the entire crew applauded when it was over because everyone knew it was the last time Jenna would be insulting people and throwing things. It was very fun — incredibly satisfying."
JANE KRAKOWSKI

Frankel's marriage is 'pretty much over'

Bethenny Frankel already has a successful empire — does she need a successful marriage?

According to RadarOnline, she has already made her choice, and it's going to be her work.

"It's pretty much over between Bethenny and Jason," a source tells the site about Frankel and husband **Jason Hoppy**, with whom she has a 2-year-old daughter named **Bryn**. Frankel reportedly took Bryn to Miami for Thanksgiving without Hoppy. "They are already living separate lives," says the source.

The source also says that Frankel isn't involved in her marriage and is instead focused on her Skinnygirl drinks franchise, book deals and upcoming talk show gig. "She doesn't seem to be too upset about the demise of their marriage. She is really focused on her career and her product line right now, so it sort of consumes her, which is probably why the marriage starting falling apart in the first place," the source says.

Zellweger's new man?

Renee Zellweger apparently has a new man in her life. The actress was spotted at LAX airport smooching musician and producer **Doyle Bramhall II**, who previously dated **Sheryl Crow**, according to Us Weekly. "They went to college together," a source says of the couple. "It's going really well." Zellweger was last linked romantically to **Bradley Cooper**, but they split up in March 2011 after dating for less than two years.

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During the Rolling Stones set, Mick Jagger joked, "This has got to be the largest collection of old English musicians ever assembled in Madison Square Garden." But not every celebrity fit into that category. Olivia Wilde and Sean Combs were both looking great at the show.

When the surviving members of Nirvana took the stage with Paul McCartney, it was heartening to watch seasoned journalists in the press room turn into wide-eyed teenagers at the sight of Dave Grohl wailing on a set of drums again.

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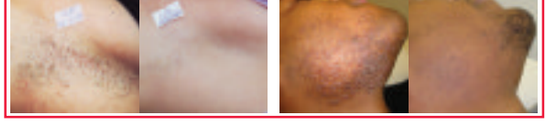

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"That was really weird," E Street Band guitarist Little Steven, right, told Metro after playing a 30-minute opening set with Bruce Springsteen. "We haven't played less than three hours ever!"

Sean Lennon played some air guitar.

"I think I actually stopped singing at one point to kiss him," Roger Waters said of his performance with Eddie Vedder. Jon Bon Jovi had been similarly overwhelmed to share the stage with Bruce Springsteen earlier in the evening and showed the same affection toward the Boss. PAT HEALY

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Steven Spielberg's "Lincoln" leads this year's Golden Globe Awards nominations, placing in seven categories including Best Drama, with nods for Spielberg and screenwriter Tony Kushner as well as actors Daniel Day-Lewis, Tommy Lee Jones and Sally Field and composer John Williams. Other favorites for the Hollywood Foreign Press include Ben Affleck's "Argo," Kathryn Bigelow's "Zero Dark Thirty" and Quentin Tarantino's "Django Unchained," all of which received Best Drama and Best Director nods, as well as other nominations.

On the television side, new series "Nashville," "Smash" and "The Newsroom" earned accolades, while longtime awards favorite "Mad Men" failed to make the Best Television Drama list for the first time. Critical favorites "Homeland" and "Downton Abbey" earned four and three nominations each, respectively, and are expected to be favorites when the awards are handed out.

▶ Megan Fox, along with Jessica Alba and Ed Helms, announced the Hollywood Foreign Press nominations yesterday. For the full list of motion picture and TV nominees, visit www.metro.us.

Biggest snubs

While Tom Hooper's presumed awards season juggernaut "Les Miserables" earned nods for Best Musical or Comedy, actor Hugh Jackman and supporting actress Anne Hathaway, Hooper himself didn't make the Best Director list. Other notable snubs include Robert DeNiro for "Silver Linings Playbook" — though Best Supporting Actor is the tightest race this year — and indie darling "Beasts of the Southern Wild," which didn't receive a single nomination.

Biggest surprises

The Hollywood Foreign Press clearly has a thing for Nicole Kidman, nominating the actress in both film and TV categories. Her nod for Lee Daniels' "The Paperboy" may be the most controversial this year, as the film was widely panned. Also a surprise? Multiple nominations for "Salmon Fishing in the Yemen," an early 2012 film with little to no awards campaign. Stars Ewan McGregor and Emily Blunt earned acting nods, while the film made the Best Musical or Comedy list.

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Raising rates on the rich is not the end of the problem

The only mainstream news stories about the upcoming potential economic disaster almost all focus on one thing: raising taxes on the rich. If this tax raise is implemented, is 100 percent successful — meaning its projected maximum revenue stream is achieved — it would fund the federal government for less than a month. The government is pulling in the same amount — and in some months, more than it has for past 20 years. The answer is blatantly obvious; the federal government does not have a revenue problem, it has a spending problem. The national debt is going to sink this nation once the unknown amount is reached when the market finally realizes there is no possible way to pay this back. President Bush spent too much, President Obama called him "unpatriotic" for spending so much, and then he almost reaches Bush's eight-year mark in four. Spending cuts are not even on the table, yet the media is still setting Republicans up for blame if the negotiations fail. It's like living in a parallel universe.

KEVIN METZ, VIA E-MAIL

There's no goodwill in Israeli stance

As a student of Irish history in the famine years, the British government saw the Irish people as less human than they were. By doing this they could take their land, their food, their rights. The Israeli government does the same with the Palestinians. Notice when one Israeli person gets killed it's the end of the world, yet when 300 Palestine people get killed, including children, it's no big deal.

Its obvious that the government in Israel does not want peace with the Palestine people. They never did. If they really wanted to, they could have done it many times over. They want them out so they can have all the land for the Jewish people and will do anything to get it. It's just sad, and its time for all of us to stand up to Israel and do what we know in our hearts what is right.

SEAN CRANE, VIA E-MAIL

"Even if a driver had 100% visibility 100% of the time, cars simply do not have the same maneuverability as bicycles."

CAROL CONRADSON, VIA E-MAIL
RE: "THE UNIVERSAL BLIND SPOT: BICYCLISTS" (METRO, DEC. 11)

Cyclists and drivers alike must obey laws

RE: "THE UNIVERSAL BLIND SPOT: BICYCLISTS" (METRO, DEC. 11) I ride a bike for fun and as transportation. I hate to break it to Liz Papi, but the blame for bicycle/car issues should not fall on the drivers fully. Bicyclists need to drop the "I am better than you" attitude and realize they have to follow traffic rules just like cars. That means stopping at stop signs and lights, yielding for pedestrians in crosswalks and going the correct direction down streets. The road will respect bicyclists when bicyclists respect the road and all that it entails. Until then, the blame needs to be shared.

JOHN W. KELLY III, VIA E-MAIL

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Horoscope

♐ Sagittarius **Nov. 23-Dec. 21.** Since your sales resistance could be exceptionally low, it might be smart to avoid expensive shops that carry what you can't afford.

♑ Capricorn **Dec. 22-Jan. 19.** Unless you're confronted with some challenging developments, your excellent leadership qualities might never be expressed.

♒ Aquarius **Jan. 20-Feb. 19.** Instead of brooding over something disturbing, it would be best for you to discuss it with someone who usually has the answers.

♓ Pisces **Feb. 20-March 20.** There are strong indications that something beneficial is likely to develop for you that would give rise to great hopes. Chances are, it involves someone you like a lot.

♈ Aries **March 21-April 19.** Ambition is an admirable trait, as long as you don't corrupt it by stealing someone else's work, especially since you have plenty of talent of your own. Simply do your own thing, and you'll get your due reward.

♉ Taurus **April 20-May 20.** Even if your views contain elements of wisdom lacking in those of your contemporaries, it'll still take the proper presentation to make them attractive to others. Express yourself logically, not emotionally.

♊ Gemini **May 21-June 20.** Adjust to unexpected developments instead of allowing your frustration to wipe out your progress. Don't allow anything to stop your momentum.

♋ Cancer **June 21-July 22.** Certain one-on-one relationships are apt to require as much tolerance and diplomacy as you can muster. Make it a point to allow in others what you want excused in yourself.

♌ Leo **July 23-Aug. 22.** Assignments that are a pain-in-the-neck to begin with could be made even more intolerable if you resent having to do them. However, a good attitude will lighten your load considerably.

♍ Virgo **Aug. 23-Sept. 22.** Primarily because you're likely to be a bit luckier than your competitors, social activities that contain elements of chance will prove to be enjoyable.

♎ Libra **Sept. 23-Oct. 23.** It'll be important for you to find a constructive outlet in which to release all of your pent-up energy. If you instead keep all your restlessness bottled up, it'll put you in an irritable mood.

♏ Scorpio **Oct. 24-Nov. 22.** Your imagination will be easily stimulated when you are asked to improve upon the concepts of another. Everyone will marvel at the multitude of suggestions you'll offer.

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6 Ham it up
11 Confidant
14 Sluggish marsupial
15 Like the flu
16 "Skip to My —"
17 Rocky Mountain tree
18 Guru's domain
19 Electric bridge
20 Recoil
22 Page or LuPone
24 Shining brilliantly
28 Deceive
30 Up and at 'em
31 Gentleman's gentleman
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52 Obi-Wan player
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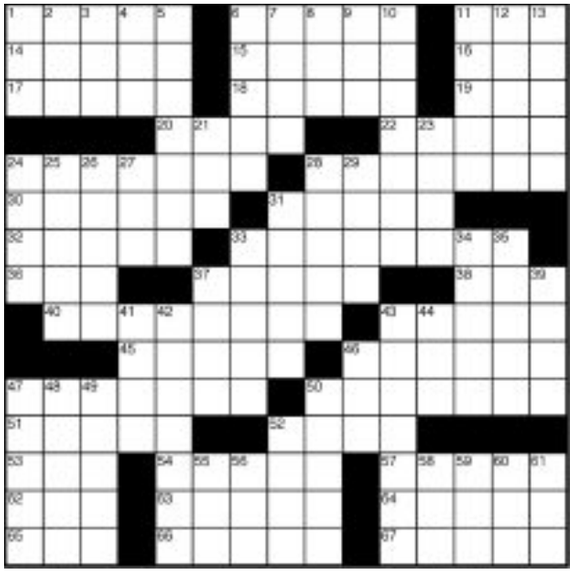

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SUDOKU **LEVEL: HARD**

How to play Sudoku: Fill in the grid so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic.

Solution to Thursday's crossword

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3 STORYLINES TO WATCH

Week 15: New York Giants vs. Atlanta Falcons, Georgia Dome
When: Sunday, 1 p.m., FOX Next: at Baltimore (Dec. 23)

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▶ Matt Ryan has 24 touchdowns this year.

Falcons own elite offense

As impressive as Big Blue's 52-27 win over the Saints was last week, it wasn't without its flaws.

The Giants allowed 487 yards of total offense and 27 points in the first three quarters despite the lopsided final score. The Falcons (11-2) possess an offense just as explosive as the Saints, especially on the Georgia Dome turf.

"Hopefully we're better than that. We certainly gave up a lot of yards [versus the Saints], so we're constantly trying to improve that area or we're constantly trying to maneuver our personnel around to match up," said head coach Tom Coughlin. "We've certainly been tested [and] had our back to the wall." METRO/TW

Wilson could be the No. 1 back if Bradshaw is out again Sunday.

1 Will David Wilson flip out again?

The rookie running back has thrust himself onto the national landscape following his record-setting performance last Sunday against the Saints.

And just as thrilling as it was that he set the Giants' record with 327 total yards, it's been the way Wilson celebrates his scores that have now entered the consciousness of sports fans. Wilson, who was just named the NFC Special Teams Player of the Week, caps off each score with a standing backflip — to the chagrin of general manager Jerry Reese, head coach Tom Coughlin and a handful of his teammates. But, as quarterback Eli Manning said, when Wilson does a backflip, it means he just scored.

2 Which running backs will suit up to play?

Starter Ahmad Bradshaw has a sprained knee and didn't practice the first half of this week.

While that's not necessarily a gauge as to whether he'll suit up in Atlanta, Coughlin likes to preach that players need to practice if they expect to play on Sundays. Bradshaw, however, seems be absolved of this rule, as he's been accustomed to miss most — if not all — of the week's practices, only to play on Sundays. This has been particularly true with Bradshaw in the latter portion of most seasons, so there's no telling if he'll play.

3 Can Giants continue to play 'road warriors'?

Coughlin likes to coin phrases every season, especially as the Giants head into the all-important home stretch, when they seemingly flip the switch and refocus.

One of his favorite go-to sayings is for the team to become "road warriors" late in the season. And while the Giants have their troubles inside the Saints' comfy confines of the Superdome, they have no problems at the Falcons. They just can't seem to beat the Giants, including losing the last seven games in Atlanta dating back to 1981.

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3,932 Passing yards for Falcons QB Matt Ryan this season — third-most in the NFL and second-most in the NFC

94.8 Quarterback rating for Matt Ryan — fifth-best in the NFC, though he trails rookies Robert Griffin III and Russell Wilson

8 Rushing touchdowns for Atlanta running back Michael Turner — tied for eighth in the NFL with injured Giants back Andre Brown

5 Interceptions for Atlanta defensive back Thomas DeCoud — fifth-best in the NFL, but two behind Giants safety Stevie Brown

In the news

Hamilton signs

The Angels swooped in and stole the top free-agent hitter on the market for the second straight year on Thursday.

They signed Josh Hamilton to a five-year, $125 million contract — the second-highest annual contract in the majors behind Alex Rodriguez.

He'll likely hit in front of last year's purchase, Albert Pujols.

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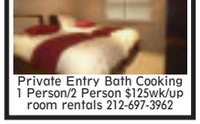
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